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1. The Chinese Communists, commanded by WAI Kung are purchasing raw cotton for kyats 570 per 100 viss¹ at Ma-Li-Pei.² YANG Chin Hsiu has supplied them with 7,000 viss of cotton. The LEE Chang Company has sent the Communists 12,000 viss of cotton and 300 Roman trade mark waterproof watches. WAI Kung's officers at Muse (97-54; 24-00) have sent out tribesmen to buy 400 additional watches.
2. The Marketing Board at Wanting is buying motor car spare parts.
3. The Preventive Officers of the Union of Burma recently seized 2,000 viss of raw cotton and two cases of penicillin, aspirin, and essence of prunes from TWAN Wei Sin, a Chinese merchant of Muse, who was attempting to smuggle them across the border. The medicine, valued at kyats 9,000, and cotton, valued at kyats 10,000, were sent to Kutkai for disposal.

1. Comment. A viss is equivalent to 3.60 pounds.

2. Comment. Probably Malipa (98-46;23-40).

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